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Dear Harold:

I hope to get a long critique on Paul's paper done in time for inclusion in this letter although I know I'll never find enough time to do a really thorough one.

I am working hard on getting you that sketch of the King assassination site. I've had some bad luck but hope to get some definitive info by tomorrow. I had Ned Crosby call Cunningham, a friend of his who is asst. City Desk editor at the Star. He found that the sketch was sent out by UPI and that the artist was John Jacobs of Memphis Commercial Appeal. I called the local UPI and got a run-around until Seymour Frank of UPI told me to call Bill Stribling of UPI in New York. I called him, but he wasn't there. Instead Bill Ryan talked with me and suggested the fastest route was to go through Jacobs, the artist. I called the Memphis Commercial Appeal, but he was not there, and they gave me his home number. Thus far I have had bad luck catching him at his home number. I have done it all by phone because of the time problem. In the future I would advise going directly to the artist.

What's the deal with Grace Stephens? How much railroading is involved. I've read newspaper accounts, but would like some more direct info. Her husband's testimony isn't worth anything in my opinion anyway, but it would be important to know if she was railroaded. And, by the way, deterioration in that type of state hospital occurs quite frequently and can be due to the hospital itself, so it's not way out to suggest that she has gotten worse in the hospital. The state hospitals in the south are notorious.

Larry Haapanen, of the old Washington State Committee, called today. He is an info officer in the air force, now stationed in Montana. He has apparently been in the airforce for several years. He is in touch with Mary and with Fred. He says that George Rennar, his old friend, is still on the case, but mostly in touch with Fred. I still haven't heard from George in almost a year now, including two unanswered letters. What ever happened to the Uncle Charlie tape? Larry saw Bud when he was in Washington some weeks ago. He is working on the Terra Haute rifle story and managed to interview Ripple, the police chief. He also interviewed Jack Puterbaugh. He says that he'll send info. He was hoping I could help him on some stuff that needs to be done in Iowa. I intend to try.

You've taken good steps with the Bud thing but it will be some time before this is 100% straightened out I suppose.

Enclosed is a copy of a brief letter to Paul plus the critique I did on his article. Circulate it to anyone who has seen the original. It's sloppy but I just didn't have enough time to do anymore or polish it up and feel that the flaws I point out are so critical that the article as it is should be scraped anyway.

Best wishes.

Gary

cc:Paul

PS. 3 copies of ^{the critique} Paul's ~~paper~~ paper + a copy for you are enclosed. Send Sylvia one & anyone else who you feel should see it. I wish I had more time to write more & write it better, although I think my basic objections are sufficient to demolish the paper.